

ELKO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

News Release

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FIRES CONTINUE BURNING NEAR ELKO, NEVADA

Elko, Nevada ... Fire fighters have turned the corner on Elko County Fires

Fire fighters have the upper hand on three large fires burning in northeastern Nevada.

The Suzie Fire is burning in sagebrush and grass northwest of Elko. The fire has burned about 79,000 acres and is 60% contained. During the early afternoon on Thursday, active fire burned on the northeast flank. Some interior burning is likely to continue to occur during the afternoon each day, and area residents may see flare-ups that are occurring inside the containment area. Structure protection will remain in place around Adobe Summit until the fire is secure. About 270 people are working on this fire.

The North Antelope Fire is burning in a remote area about 28 miles north of Dunphy, Nevada. Aerial mapping today indicated that this fire has burned over 10,200 acres. Approximately 120 people are working on this fire.

The Sneekie Fire, about 5 miles west of Jiggs, Nevada, has burned over 10,100 acres and is 80% contained. Fire activity continues to occur in heavy fuels in the interior and in draws. Some isolated torching may be observed. About 270 people are assigned to this fire.

“We’d like to remind folks who will be camping this coming 4th of July weekend to be extremely careful with their campfires,” said Tom Turk, Nevada Division of Forestry Regional Forester. “Use only established campfire rings and keep a bucket of water and shovel handy by the fire. When you leave make sure the fire is dead out. Drown in water and stir the ashes well. Also be careful with your outdoor barbeque grills. Be sure your grills are solid and the coals covered if the wind starts blowing. In our current burning conditions, a fire can start in a heartbeat.”

A fire state of emergency was declared in Elko County by the Elko County Commission and a 30-day ban on burn barrels was put into effect.

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